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SUBJECT: FUNCTION OF THIRD MACHINE BUILDING MINISTRY

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1. A SEPTEMBER 4 NCNA DOMESTIC REPORT SEEMS TO PROVIDE SOME CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS (E.G. REFTEL A) THAT THE THIRD MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRCRAFT AND CHINESE AIR FORCE WEAPONS. THE BROADCAST DESCRIBED MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD THAT DAY FOR WANG PI, A VETERAN AIR FORCE MAN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS AN "ADVISOR" TO THE THIRD MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO THE OBITUARY RELEASED BY NCNA, WANG WAS A FORMER DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY BUREAU UNDER THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES.

2. WANG'S IDENTIFICATION AS AN "ADVISOR" TO THE
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MINISTRY ALSO INDICATES THAT THE ADVISORY CORPS OF AGED PLA MEN DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B MAY NOW BE OPERATING IN STATE COUNCIL MINISTRIES AS WELL AS ARMY UNITS.

3. VICE PREMIER CHEN HSI-LIEN WAS THE ONLY POLITBURO MEMBER WHO SENT A WREATH TO THE FUNERAL, SUGGESTING

THAT CHEN, WHO ALSO IS A STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER
OF THE PARTY'S MILITARY COMMISSION, MAY BE SUPERVISING
THOSE MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN MILITARY PRODUCTION. CROSS

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